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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing crack cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

**James L. Woods**, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Woods** to forfeit to the government \$6,888, which was derived from the proceeds of the illegal narcotics trafficking.

On July 15, 2005, **Woods** pleaded guilty to distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on July 8 and July 15, 2005, in Jackson County, Mo. **Woods** also pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. **Woods** admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver on Jan. 15, 2005, in Jackson County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Woods** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for trafficking, and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for the sale of a controlled substance.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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